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FROM VATICAN OFFICE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PINT, MOPS, LE, VT
SUBJECT: THE VATICAN AND CURRENT FIGHTING IN BEIRUT

REF: STATE 169136

1. ON BASIS REFTEL WE CONTACTED VATICAN FOREIGN
MINISTER MSGR CASAROLI EARLY JULY 5. MSGR CASAROLI
EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE ADDITIONAL POINTS WE
CONVEYED AND TOLD US THAT HE WOULD BE RECOMMENDING THAT
POPE PAUL ISSUE A STRONG APPEAL FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF
THE CEASEFIRE IN LEBANON AT NOON.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY WE OBTAINED ADVANCE TEXT OF APPEAL
WHICH HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT IN ROME 12325.
(VATICAN OFFICIAL TOLD US THAT POPE DELIVERED APPEAL
WITHOUT MAKING ANY CHANGES DURING THE GENERAL AUDIENCE
HE HELD FOR SOME 8,000 PILGRIMS AT VATICAN CITY.)

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3. VATICAN OFFICIAL ALSO TOLD US THAT VATICAN
HAD APPEALED TO EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, THROUGH EMBASSY
OF FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (SINCE FRG CURRENTLY
HOLDS EC COUNCIL PRESIDENCY), FOR ACTION ON BEHALF OF
LEBANESE PEACE. PENDING CLARIFICATION OF SYRAIAN
INTENTIONS IN PRESENT CRISIS, VATICAN DOES NOT NOW

PLAN TO MAKE A DEMARCHE ON THE SYRIANS. IN ADDITION
TO THE POINTS MADE TO US BY MSGR CASAROLI IN ROME
12306 REGARDING SYRIAN INTENTIONS, VATICAN OFFICIAL
TOLD US THAT THERE WERE SOME INDICATIONS THAT SYRIANS
MAY WISH THE REPLACEMENT OF PRESIDENT SARKIS.

4. VATICAN OFFICIAL ALSO TOLD US THAT VATICAN HAD
SHELVED FOR THE MOMENT THE DESPATCH OF A VERY SENIOR
VATICAN PERSONALITY TO LEBANON. WE HAD HEARD THAT
CARDINAL BERTOLI, A SENIOR VATICAN DIPLOMAT WITH
EXPERIENCE IN THE MIDEAST AND THE LEBANON WAS ON THE
VERGE OF GOING TO LEBANON AS SPECIAL EMISSARY OF THE
POPE. GARDNER

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